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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re: Application of: Dmitry RABKIN et al.
Serial No.: 10/756,710
Filed: January 13, 2004
For: APPARATUS FOR DELIVERING, REPOSITIONING AND/OR
RETRIEVING SELF-EXPANDING STENTS

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

March 27, 2006

Sir:

Applicants, in response to the election of species requirement set forth in the Office Action dated December 27, 2005, elect to further prosecute in this case species IV corresponding to Figure 8a. Claims 22-26, 31-35, 48-50, 65, and 71 read on the elected species.

This election is being made without prejudice to filing divisional applications directed to the non-elected species.

I hereby certify that this correspondence and/or
fee is being deposited with the United States
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P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA, 22313-1450" on March 27, 2006
Wolf, Block, Schorr & Solis-Cohen LLP

BY:

A petition for a two-month extension of time is submitted herewith together with the appropriate fee. If it is determined that any other fee is required for the entry of this response the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 23-2820 in the name of Wolf, Block, Schorr & Solis-Cohen LLP.

Respectfully submitted,
Wolf, Block, Schorr & Solis-Cohen LLP.

By:



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